

**NIOSH DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR SCIENTIFIC LEADERSHIP
IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH**

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Introduction and Background: The purpose of the NIOSH Director's Award is to highlight outstanding leadership and research accomplishments in the field of occupational safety and health that have a measurable impact on the practitioner environment/workplace. Each year NIOSH grantees provide updates on their research progress and accomplishments as part of either a competing or non-competing renewal grant application. However, to better promote the importance of their work to our constituencies, NIOSH needs additional information on the short and long-term impact of their studies on scientific knowledge, on the health of the American worker, and on the mission of NIOSH. To address these needs, the Director of NIOSH is establishing a new administrative supplement award program for NIOSH grantees. This new supplement program will provide NIOSH supported scientists an opportunity to identify and highlight work that has a measurable impact on the practitioner environment/workplace to Congress, to peers, and to the public. NIOSH will give a monetary award to successful grantees in recognition of their accomplishments for use in connection with their current NIOSH grant.

Eligibility: All NIOSH grantees who are receiving independent investigator-initiated research grant support (R01, R03, R21, K01, U01) in the current and next fiscal year are eligible for this award. Grantees of training awards (T1, T2, T15, T42) are ineligible.

Mechanism of Award: The successful applicant will be awarded a \$10,000 supplement in direct costs to the grant which was the basis for the work cited in the award. Each year, the recipients will be highlighted in the NIOSH annual report for their significant contribution to the mission of the NIOSH. In addition, the recipients will be invited to participate in a major professional meeting where they will have an opportunity to share their scientific ideas with the senior leadership of the NIOSH as well as other intramural and extramural scientists.

Funds Available: It is anticipated that two to five Scientific Leadership Awards will be made each year.

Receipt Date: The receipt date for applications is June 20 of each year. The application and 6 copies should be sent to:

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Award Date: Awards are to be made by the end of the calendar year.

Format for Application: The application consists of a completed Public Health Service form PHS 398 face page, a two page maximum scientific section and an administrative data section. It is important that the scientific section be written in terms that an educated lay person would understand.

Scientific section of the application (12pt font, one inch margins) includes:

1. What is the occupational safety and health issue that your research is addressing? How important is this issue to solving problems in the practitioner/work environment?
2. What are the specific results and accomplishments from your research? Why should the NIOSH Director choose to highlight your research to the Congress?
3. How will your results impact the practitioner/work environment identified in item one? How will this be measured?

Administrative section of the application includes:

1. A listing of scientific achievement awards received in the past three years.
2. A listing of relevant published or in press articles that document the work cited. In addition, two copies of the most significant publications (maximum of 5) should be included.
3. A brief paragraph, describing how this award would be used to facilitate the research program supported by the NIOSH grant on which the Leadership Award application is based. This should be a brief narrative and should not exceed 50 words. It may include travel to scientific meetings, training courses, equipment or any other item within the budget of a NIOSH grant, but the item(s) identified must be related to the specific aims of the current grant. The amount of the Leadership Award is \$10,000 (direct costs).

Review Criteria: The review of the award will be based on the influence and relative scientific importance of the research with an emphasis on the potential of these findings to solve real-world occupational safety and health problems. All applications will be peer-reviewed by a panel of scientists, drawn approximately equally from senior NIOSH scientist administrators and from the extramural occupational health and safety research community.

Additional Information: For additional information, contact your program administrator, who is listed on your notice of grant award.